



WANDERERS MINIROOS

# FOOTBALL

**PARENT  
HANDBOOK  
2026**



# WELCOME TO SEASON 2026

**Welcome to the Buderim  
Wanderers MiniRoos program  
for the 2026 season.**

MiniRoos is designed to introduce children aged U6–U12 to football in a fun, inclusive, and supportive environment, with a strong focus on skill development, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game.



# KEY CONTACTS

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE MINIROOS COORDINATORS:**

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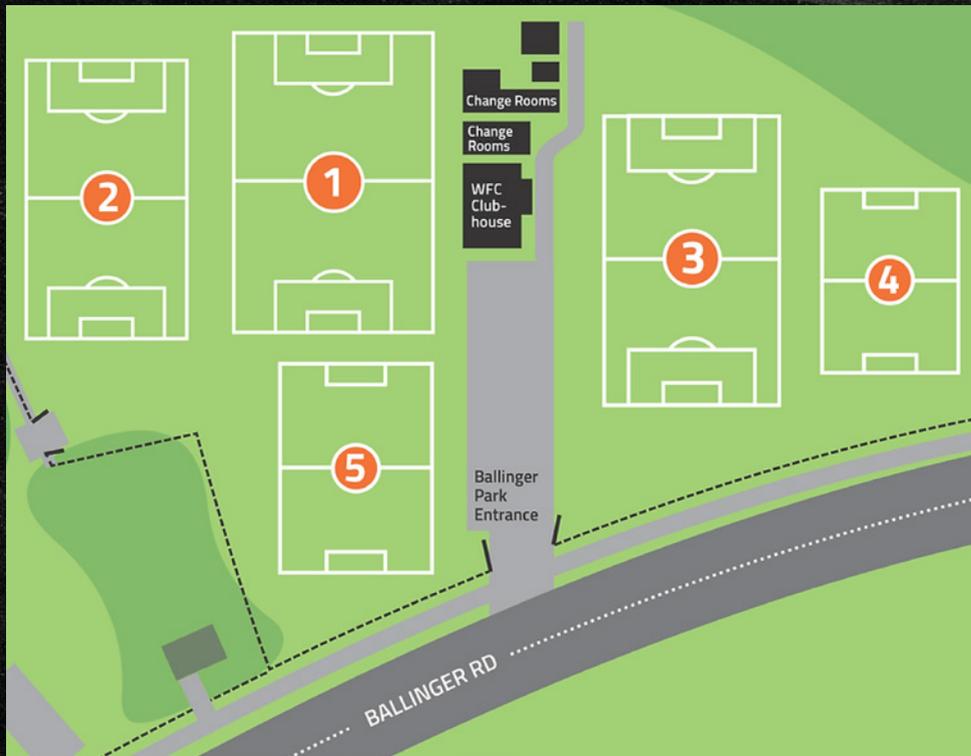
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# CLUB & GROUND INFORMATION

## MAP OF GROUNDS





# TRAINING INFORMATION

All MiniRoos training sessions are held at the Buderim Wanderers home grounds at **Ballinger Park**.

## TRAINING DETAILS:

<b>Location:</b>	Field 1 (Main Field), Ballinger Park
<b>Day:</b>	Thursday
<b>Time:</b>	4:00pm – 5:15pm
<b>Season start:</b>	Training will commence the week prior to the official season start

## TRAINING STRUCTURE

MiniRoos training sessions will be run using a carousel-style format, with players rotating through different activity stations.

These stations will be led by coaches from within the club, allowing players to:

- be exposed to a variety of coaching styles
- develop a broad range of fundamental football skills
- stay engaged through fun, fast-moving activities

This format supports skill development, inclusivity, and enjoyment for all age groups.

## FACILITIES

On training days, the canteen and bar will be open, offering food and drinks for players, families, and supporters.

## WET WEATHER

In the event of wet weather or unplayable fields, the nominated Team Manager for each team will communicate directly with parents regarding whether training will go ahead.

Please ensure you check your team's communication channel prior to attending training during wet conditions.

## WHAT TO BRING TO TRAINING

To ensure players are safe, comfortable, and ready to participate, please bring:

- football boots
- shin guards
- water bottle
- club jersey (recommended but not compulsory for training)



# **GAME DAY** **INFORMATION**

## **GAME SCHEDULES**

All game details, including times, locations, and fixtures, can be viewed via the Squadi app. Please ensure you check Squadi regularly for updates or changes.

## **PLAYER AVAILABILITY**

If your child is unable to attend a game, it is essential that this is communicated to your Team Manager as early as possible, as this allows sufficient time for adjusting team numbers and organising substitute players if required.

Late notice can impact team participation and game flow, so early communication is appreciated.

## WHAT TO BRING ON GAME DAY

Players must arrive ready to play with:

- full club uniform (jersey, shorts, and socks)
- shin guards (compulsory)
- football boots
- water bottle
- sunscreen (applied prior to arrival and brought for reapplication if needed)

Players who do not have shin guards may not be permitted to take the field.

## WET WEATHER ON GAME DAY

Games in wet weather are determined by the hosting club and field conditions. While every effort will be made for games to proceed as scheduled, player safety and field conditions are the highest priority.

If games are delayed or cancelled due to weather or ground conditions, Team Managers will communicate updates to their teams as soon as information becomes available.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

- arrive early to allow time for warm-up and organisation
- ensure all personal items are clearly labelled
- encourage a positive, supportive game-day environment for all players



# MATCH DAY SET UP & PACK DOWN



To help games run smoothly, support from families is required for home games.

## SET UP & PACK DOWN RESPONSIBILITIES

- the **first match of the day** is responsible for **setting up** the field
- the **last match of the day** is responsible for **packing down** the field

Your Team Manager will advise if your team is scheduled as the first or last game.

## GOAL LOCATIONS

- **U6 & U7 GOALS**
  - located in the **shed at the back of the clubhouse**
  - please refer to the ground map for the exact location
- **U8-U12 GOALS**
  - goals are **located on the fields**
  - these can be moved onto the scheduled field for your game

All equipment should be returned to its designated storage location after the final game.

## HELPING OUT

Set up and pack down is a shared responsibility and only takes a few minutes when everyone helps. Your assistance ensures games start on time and the grounds are left in good condition for all teams.

# MATCH DAY MANAGER

Each MiniRoos team is required to have a **Match Day Manager** for every game.

## ROLE OF THE MATCH DAY MANAGER

### THE MATCH DAY MANAGER:

- is **on the field** during games
- acts as the **game referee (along with the opposing team's match day manager)**
- helps facilitate a safe, fair and positive game environment

### THE MATCH DAY MANAGER PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE MINIROOS PHILOSOPHY BY:

- encouraging **equal game time** for all players
- ensuring players have opportunities to play **different positions** throughout the season
- promoting **positive learning**, sportsmanship, and respectful behaviour
- supporting enjoyment, confidence, and participation for all children

## ADDITIONAL SIDELINE SUPPORT

### IT'S HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT TEAMS ALSO HAVE A **SECOND VOLUNTEER ON THE SIDELINE TO ASSIST WITH:**

- timing halves or rotations
- managing substitutions
- helping ensure equal game time for all players

This shared approach helps games run smoothly and allows the Match Day Manager to focus on the flow of the game and the players on the field.

# GAME DAY EXPECTATIONS & SIDELINE BEHAVIOUR



Buderim Wanderers MiniRoos is committed to providing a positive, supportive, and enjoyable environment for all players.

Parents, carers, and spectators play an important role in creating this experience and are asked to model behaviour that reflects the values of the club.

## SIDELINE EXPECTATIONS

- encourage **all children**, not just your own
- use positive, supportive language
- celebrate effort, teamwork, and improvement
- allow players to make mistakes as part of learning
- respect referees, Match Day Managers, coaches, and volunteers

## REPRESENTING THE CLUB

All players, parents, and supporters are representatives of **Buderim Wanderers Football Club**. We ask families to be mindful of their behaviour on the sideline and to:

- demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
- show respect to opposition players, coaches, and supporters
- support the MiniRoos philosophy of fun, development, and fair participation

Sideline coaching or negative comments are discouraged, as they can confuse players and detract from enjoyment and learning.

By working together, we can ensure MiniRoos remains a safe, fun, and positive introduction to football for every child.

# WHAT YOUR CHILD GETS FROM MINIROOS

The MiniRoos program is designed to create a positive and enjoyable introduction to football.

## THROUGH THE MINIROOS PROGRAM, CHILDREN CAN EXPECT:

- a strong emphasis on fun and enjoyment
- skill development appropriate to their age group
- encouragement to try all positions
- equal and fair game time for all players
- a supportive, inclusive team environment

MiniRoos is a development-focused program. **No scores, ladders, or tables are kept** throughout the season, and there are no finals rounds. The emphasis is on learning skills, building confidence, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game rather than competition outcomes.



# COMMUNICATION

Each MiniRoos team is encouraged to establish their own communication method.

**Heja** is a recommended app that allows teams to:

- upload game schedules
- post updates and reminders
- communicate via team chat

Each team will require a **self-nominated Team Manager** who is responsible for:

- updating game schedules
- sharing club communications
- acting as the main point of contact between the club and the team

Any questions or issues that cannot be resolved at the team level can be directed to the **MiniRoos**

**Sub-Committee:**

- Josh Cox
- Caitlin Nicholson
- Michelle Rutten
- Heather Stephens

Please find their contact information in Section 2 of this handbook.



# UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

## CLUB UNIFORM

Uniforms are **provided and included in registration fees**.

Each player will receive:

- a jersey
- shorts
- socks

The jersey is the player's to keep.

Teams may choose to organise player **name and number printing** (number chosen by the player) through a **third-party printer at their own cost**. This is optional and arranged at the team level.

## ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT (PLAYER TO PROVIDE)

- football boots
- **shin guards (compulsory)**

## GAME DAY REQUIREMENT

The club uniform is **compulsory for all games**, as players are representing Buderim Wanderers Football Club.

# VOLUNTEERING & CLUB SUPPORT

Talk to your manager about how you can volunteer and support the club.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What age groups are offered?

Buderim Wanderers MiniRoos caters to players **U6 to U12**, in line with **Football Queensland age regulations**.

## When does the season run?

The MiniRoos season follows the **Football Queensland calendar**, generally running across **school terms 1 to 3**.

## How often do teams train?

**U6–U8** teams usually train **once per week**.

**U9–U12** teams train one to **two times per week**.

Training schedules may vary slightly depending on age group and team requirements.

## When are games played?

Games are typically played on Saturday mornings.

Occasionally, alternative arrangements may be made (for example, a Friday evening game for local fixtures such as Buderim vs Buderim).

## What equipment is required?

Players are required to have:

- football boots
- **shin guards (mandatory)**
- full club uniform
- water bottle

## Can players request to play with friends?

Friend requests are considered where possible. However, they cannot be guaranteed due to team numbers, age groups, and grading requirements.

## Who coaches the teams?

Buderim Wanderers MiniRoos follows a carousel training model, with paid club coaches running training sessions.

On game day, each team is required to have a Match Day Manager who:

- referees the game
- manages substitutions
- assists with basic game day organisation

This approach supports fair play, development, and positive game experiences for all players.

## What behaviour is expected?

All players, parents, and spectators are expected to follow the Football Queensland Code of Conduct and uphold the values of respect, sportsmanship, and positive participation while representing Buderim Wanderers Football Club.

## What happens if games are cancelled?

If games are cancelled due to weather or field closures, families will be notified as soon as possible via their Team Manager.

## Are there ladders, tables, or finals in MiniRoos?

No. Scores are not recorded, and there are no ladders, tables or finals in MiniRoos. The focus is on participation, development, and fun for all players.

# THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING MINIROOS & BEING PART OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE 2026 SEASON.

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## ASSOCIATE





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